

# Health Care Indicators

## Employment and Price Indicators for the Health Care Industry through 1st Quarter 2005

This report presents highlights from statistics on health care utilization, prices, expenses, employment, and work hours, as well as on national economic activity, with brief analysis of these economic indicators. These statistics provide an early indication of changes occurring in the health care sector and within the general economy. *Please note that all percent changes are calculated from the same quarter of the previous year.*

### Key Trends

- Hospital Insurance (HI) Trust Fund income rose 10.2 percent in the first quarter of 2005 when compared to the same period in 2004, while outlays increased 9.6 percent (Table 1).
- Employment in the total private economy rose 1.4 percentage points to 1.9 percent in 2005:Q1, marking a fifth consecutive quarter of positive growth (Table 3). At the same time, growth in health care employment remained relatively constant, increasing only 0.2 percentage points over 2004:Q1 to 2.1 percent.
- Growth in the Employment Cost Indexes (ECIs) for benefits continued to increase more than that of the ECIs for wages and salaries (Table 4). This was true for all three types of workers: civilian, private industry, and state and local government.
- Medical services prices, as measured by the CPI for Medical Services (Table 7), continued to grow at least twice the rate of overall prices as measured by the GDP implicit price deflator (Table 5).
- Hospital prices, as measured by the CPI, increased 5.5 percent in 2005:Q1, after increasing 5.2 percent in 2004:Q4 (Table 7). This marks a moderation in the steady fall in hospital price growth since a peak of 9.9 percent in 2002:Q4.
- Nursing home prices, as measured by the CPI, increased 3.3 percent in 2005:Q1, after increasing 3.5 percent in 2004:Q4 (Table 7). Nursing home prices, as measured by the PPI, increased 3.4 percent, after five quarters of growth in the 4 percent range.
- Home health care prices, as measured by the PPI, increased 0.9 percent in 2005:Q1, after increasing 1.2 percent 2004:Q4 (Table 7). This was the sixth straight quarter of increase in this series, after four quarters of negligible or negative growth.

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## **Data Changes to the *Health Care Indicators***

### **BLS Data Changes**

1. Adoption of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) at BLS.

In a previous release, we highlighted the Current Employment Statistics Survey's adoption of the NAICS and the implications that it had on the data that we publish in the *Health Care Indicators*.<sup>1</sup>

- With the release of January 2004 data, BLS' Producer Price Indexes (PPI) for Industry groupings also adopted the NAICS, while with April 2004 data BLS' Employer Costs for Employee Compensation Survey (ECEC) switched to the NAICS.
- Other BLS survey programs are planning to or have already switched to reporting their data on a NAICS basis (from their original SIC basis). A schedule of BLS' implementation of the NAICS is available at [www.bls.gov/bls/naics\\_implementation.htm](http://www.bls.gov/bls/naics_implementation.htm).

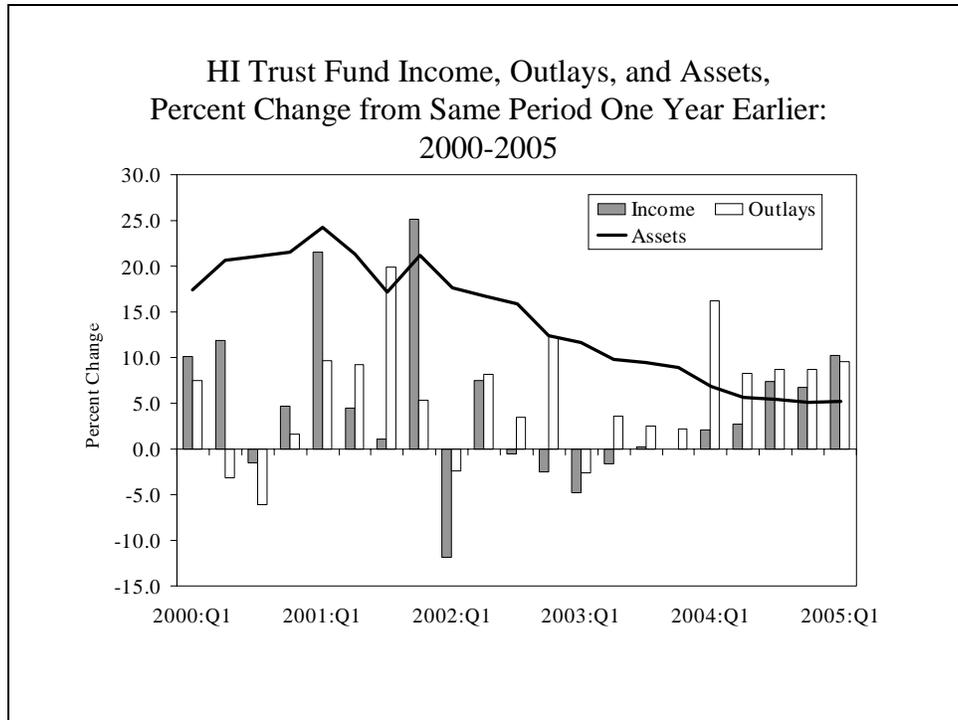
### **Office of the Actuary Data Changes**

1. The Office of the Actuary has recently put its market basket data and information (which in the past have appeared in the *Health Care Indicators* as Tables 10, 11, 12, and 13) into a separate content area on the CMS website. Therefore, we will no longer publish these tables as part of the *Health Care Indicators*. These tables can now be found at: [www.cms.hhs.gov/statistics/market-basket](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/statistics/market-basket).
2. Due to changes in the structure of the survey used to gather community hospital statistics (which in the past have appeared in the *Health Care Indicators* as Tables 1 and 2), these tables will no longer be published with the *Health Care Indicators*. Therefore, the former Table 3 will now be Table 1 and the remaining tables will be numbered consecutively and arranged in the same order as in previous releases.

<sup>1</sup> In June 2003, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) adopted the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) for its Current Employment Statistics survey. In the NAICS, Health Services is combined in a broader category of Health Care and Social Assistance. CMS calculated data for Health Care by combining data from ambulatory health services, private hospitals, nursing care facilities, residential mental health facilities, and continuing care retirement communities for the elderly. Homes for the elderly and other residential care facilities are excluded from the health care calculations. Data for subsets of these health services industries can be obtained from BLS.

## Medicare Trust Fund Operations

**Figure 1: Medicare Hospital Insurance (HI) Trust Fund, Percent Change in Income, Outlays, and Assets from the Same Period of the Previous Year: 2000-2005**



SOURCE: U.S. Treasury, *Monthly Treasury Statement*, Washington, D.C., January 2000-March 2005.

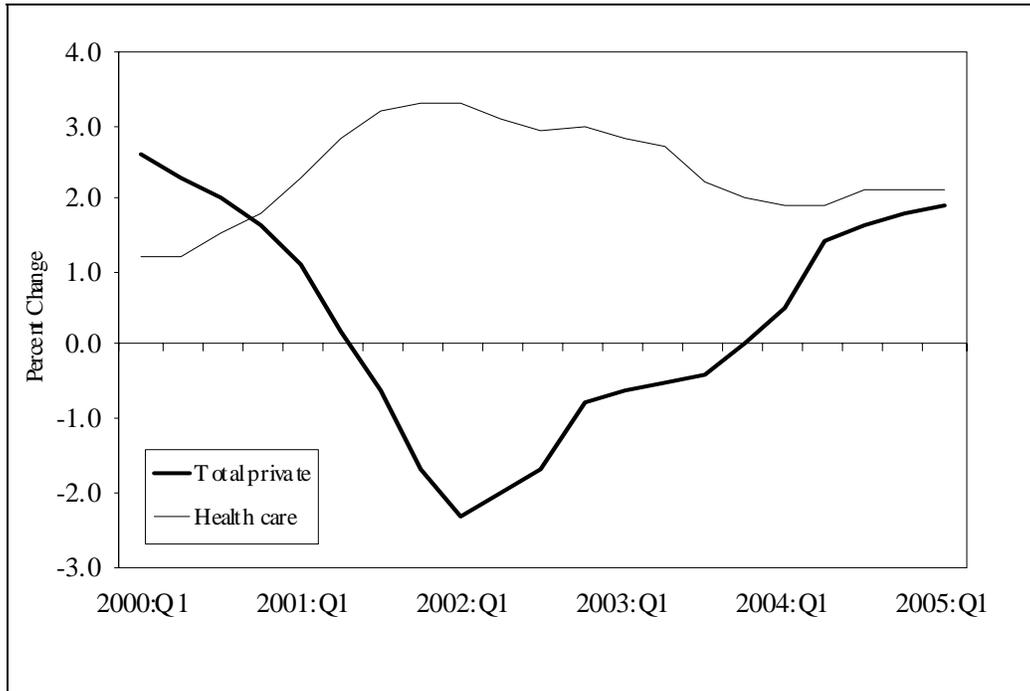
Medicare hospital insurance (HI, or Part A) trust fund income rose 10.2 percent in the first quarter of 2005 when compared to the same period in 2004 (Table 1). This was the largest percentage increase since the 2001:Q4 increase of 25.1 percent and a marked change from the 2.1 percent growth seen in 2004:Q1. This quarter marks the first instance where income growth outpaces outlay growth since 2001:Q4. HI assets have shown a consistent deceleration in growth for the past eleven quarters, mostly due to faster growth in outlays versus growth in income.

In the Medicare supplementary medical insurance (SMI, or Part B) program, outlays rose by 12.7 percent when compared to the 3.5 percent growth in 2004:Q1, an acceleration of 9.2 percentage points. SMI trust fund assets have now declined for sixteen consecutive quarters, although this decline appears to be slowing.

Estimates published in the *2005 Annual Report of the Boards of Trustees, Federal Hospital Insurance and Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Funds* indicate that, given current law and trends, the HI Trust Fund will be exhausted in 2020, one year later than projected last year, and ten years sooner than estimated in 2002.

## Health Care Industries: Employment and Hours

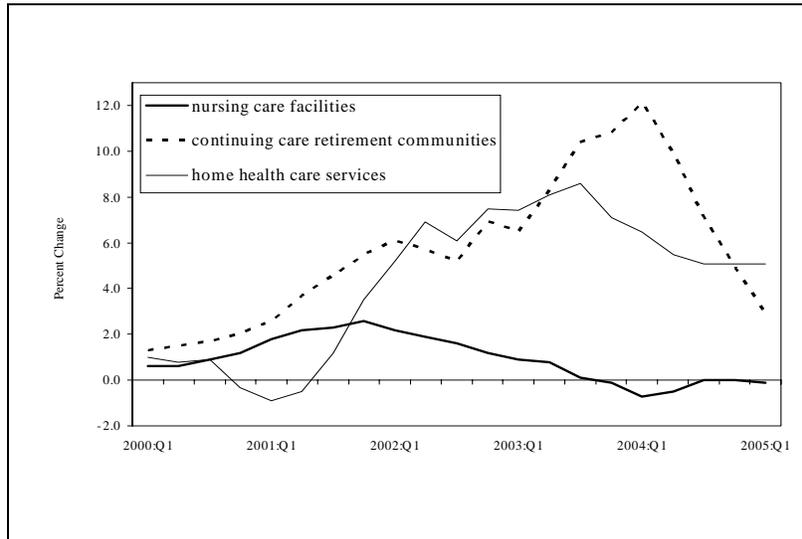
**Figure 2: Employment in Health Care and in the Total Private Economy, Percent Change from the Same Period of the Previous Year: 2000-2005**



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Employment and Earnings*, Washington, D.C., January 2000-March 2005.

Growth in health services employment remained relatively constant for the sixth consecutive quarter, growing a negligible 0.2 percentage points to 2.1 percent over 2004:Q1. Job growth in the health services sector has slowed over the past three years, and that slowdown appears to have moderated in the past three quarters, as shown in Table 3 and Figure 2. Despite this slower pace of growth, increases in health services employment continued to exceed those in the rest of the total private economy. However, overall job growth has posted positive gains for five consecutive quarters. As of 2005:Q1, jobs in three industries (home health, private hospitals, and nursing care facilities) constituted 55 percent of jobs in health care.

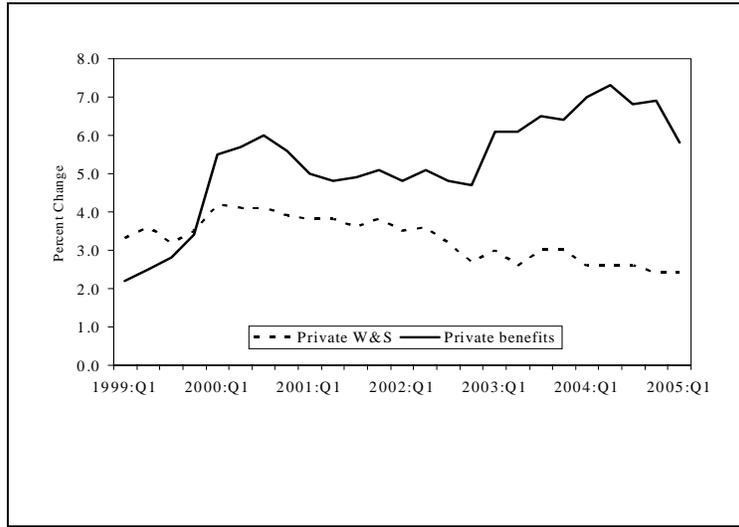
**Figure 3: Employment in Nursing Care Facilities, Continuing Care Retirement Facilities, and Home Health Care: 2000-2005**



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

As for continuing care retirement communities, or CCRCs, employment has slowed dramatically from its 12.1 percent peak in 2004:Q1 (Table 3). As mentioned in that quarter’s version of the *Health Care Indicators*, the strength of employment growth in CCRCs compelled the authors to suspect that these facilities were “siphoning off” prospective nursing home patients. Given the continued stagnation in nursing home employment growth, we continue to believe that alternative care settings, such as CCRC’s, are more attractive to patients and their families; however, steady deceleration in CCRC employment growth through 2004 to 2.9 percent in 2005:Q1 indicates competition from other long-term care options. Home health care, an option favored by public payers as well as patients, appears to be the likely competitor; employment decelerated far less sharply since 2004:Q1, from 6.5 percent to 5.1 percent, and boasts the highest level of growth across the entire health sector.

**Figure 4: Employment Cost Indexes, Private Workers Wages and Salaries and Benefits, Percent Change from Same Period of Previous Year: 1999-2005**

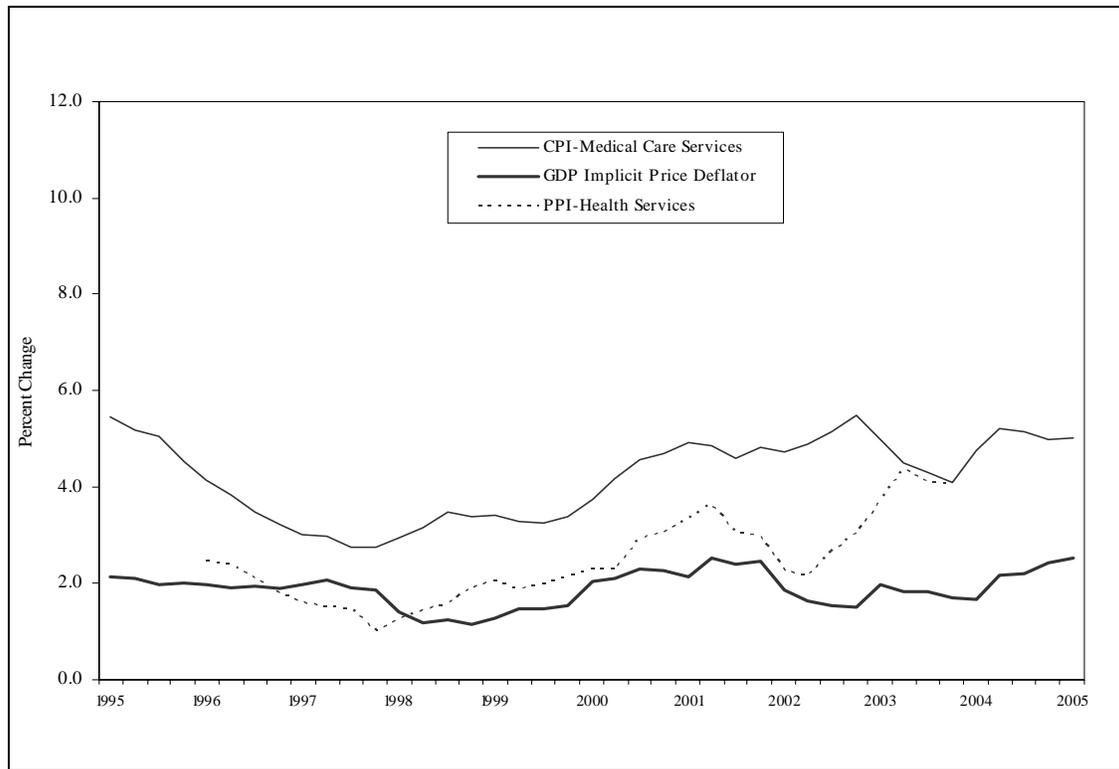


Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Employment Cost Index, March 2005*, Washington, D.C.

Growth in employee benefits (and the benefits share of total compensation), as measured by the Employment Cost Index, has exceeded the rise in wages and salaries for private industry since 1999:Q4 (Table 4). In 2005:Q1, 60 percent of the increase in compensation costs can be attributed to the increase in benefit costs, which represented just 29.6 percent of total compensation according to the June 2005 BLS Employer Costs for Employee Compensation news release. As a result, wages and salaries comprise 70.4 percent of total compensation costs, versus 71.5 percent in March 2004 and 73.0 percent in March 1999. This was mainly due to increases in the cost of benefits, most notably, health benefits. Health benefits comprised 5.4 percent of total compensation in 1999 and in the following year it began to trend upward, reaching 7.5 percent in March 2005.

## Medical Care Services Prices

**Figure 5: Percent Change in Medical Care and Overall Prices from the Same Period of the Previous Year: 1995-2005**

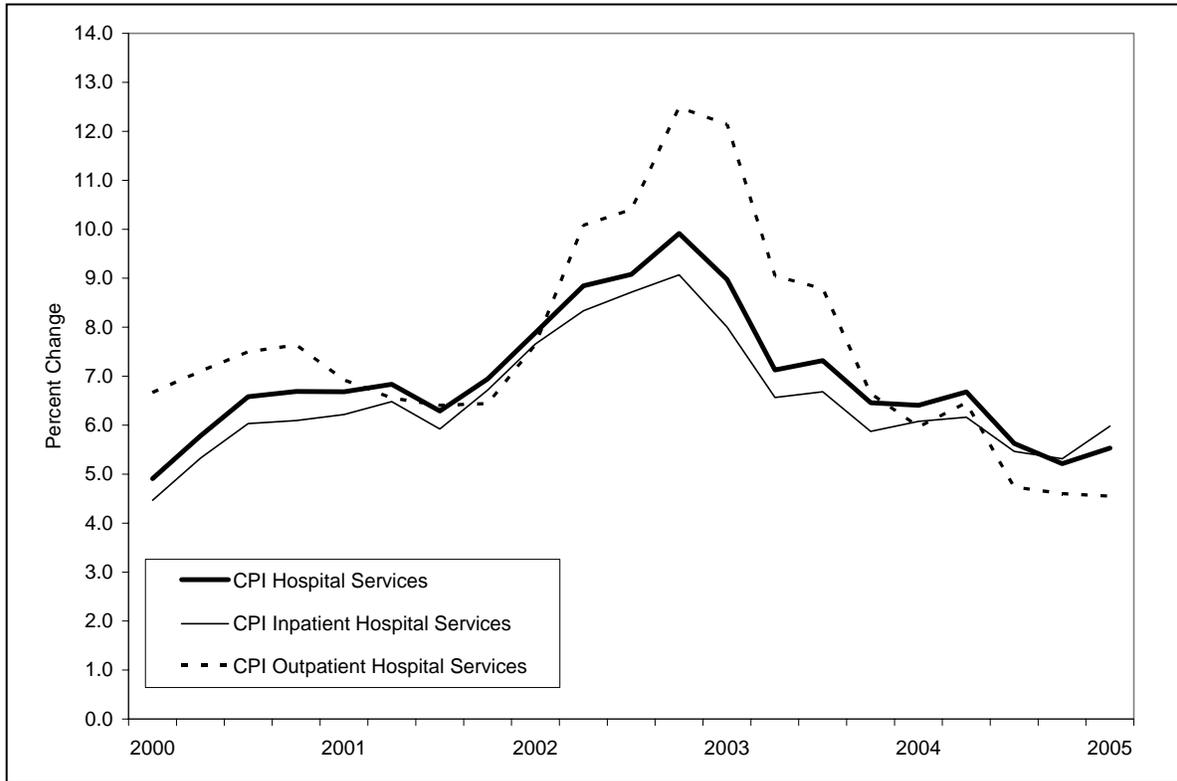


SOURCES: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Producer Price Indexes*; Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, *Gross Domestic Product*.

Medical care services prices, as measured by the CPI for medical care services, continued to grow at about twice the rate of overall prices (as measured by the GDP implicit price deflator). The CPI for medical care services increased 5.0 percent in 2005:Q1, compared with an increase of 4.8 percent in 2004:Q1 (Table 7). The 2005:Q1 acceleration is largely due to accelerating physician services prices (insurance companies and Medicare typically raise their physician payment schedules each January).

## Hospital Prices

**Figure 6a: Percent Change from the Same Period of the Previous Year in CPI Hospital Prices by Type of Service: 2000-2005**

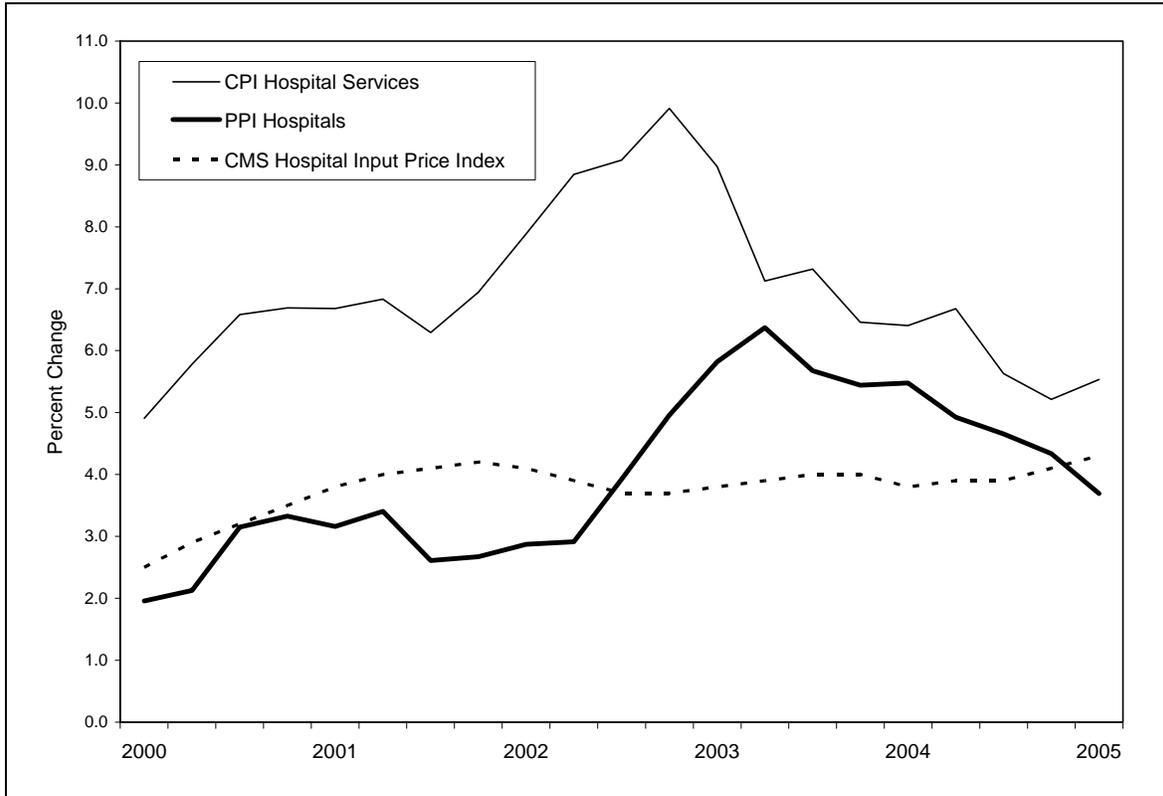


SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *CPI Detailed Report*.

Hospital prices, as measured by the CPI, increased 5.5 percent in 2005:Q1, after increasing 5.2 percent in 2004:Q4 (Table 7). After reaching a peak of 9.9 percent in 2002:Q4, the increases in hospital prices have fallen steadily.

The CPI for inpatient services increased 6.0 percent in 2005:Q1, while the CPI for outpatient services increased 4.5 percent (Table 7). The increase in outpatient services prices represents a significant slowdown from 2002 and 2003, when outpatient services prices climbed by as much as 10.2 percent.

**Figure 6b: Percent Change in Hospital Prices from the Same Period of the Previous Year: 2000-2005**



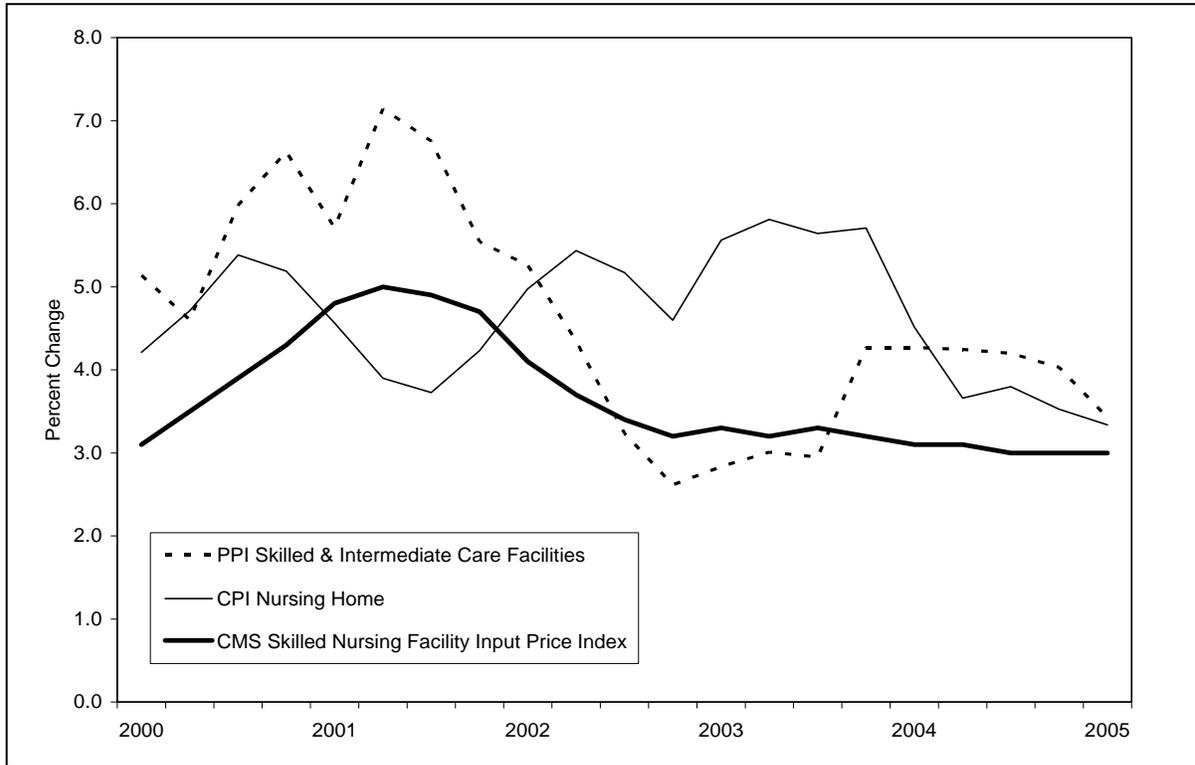
SOURCES: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *CPI Detailed Report*; Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Producer Price Indexes*; Office of the Actuary, CMS.

Hospital prices, as measured by the PPI, increased 3.8 percent in 2005:Q1, after increasing 4.3 percent in 2004:Q4 (Table 7). After reaching a peak of 6.3 percent in 2003:Q2, the increases in hospital prices have fallen steadily.

Hospital prices, as measured by the CMS hospital input price index, increased 4.3 percent in 2005:Q1, after increasing 4.1 percent in 2004:Q4. This index increased steadily since 2000:Q1. (For this data, see the market basket tables ([www.cms.hhs.gov/statistics/market-basket/](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/statistics/market-basket/).)

## Nursing Home Prices

**Figure 7: Percent Change in Nursing Home Prices from the Same Period of the Previous Year: 2000-2005**



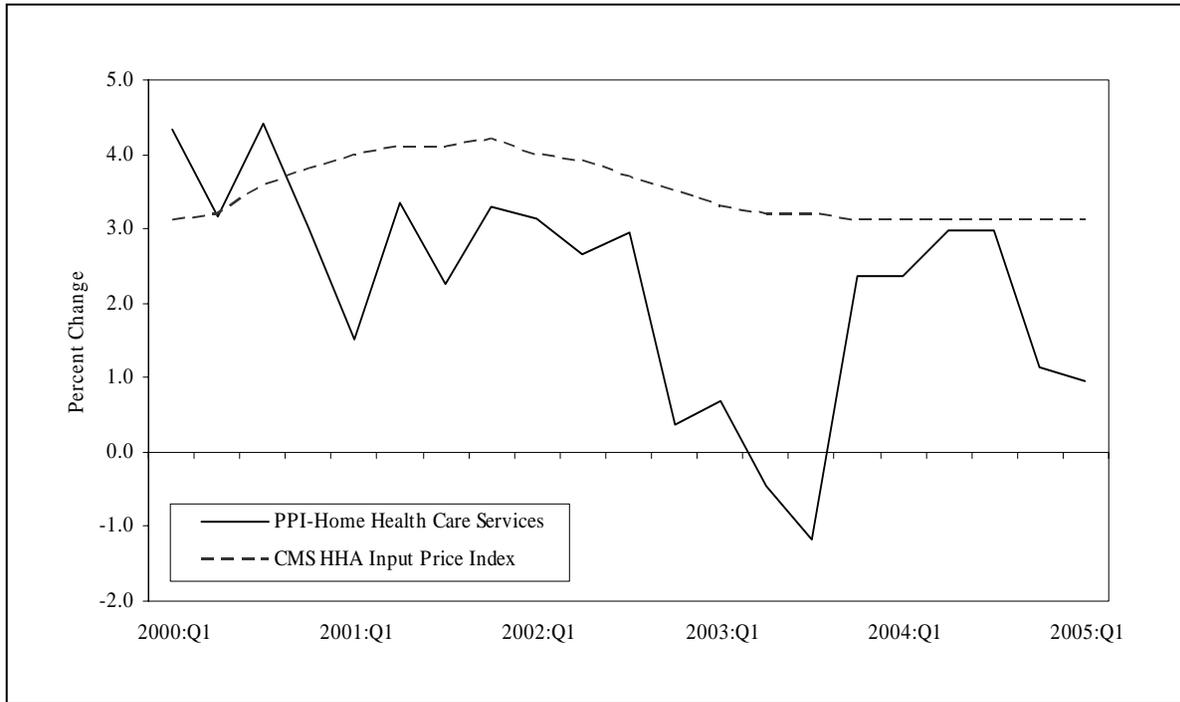
SOURCES: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *CPI Detailed Report*; Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Producer Price Indexes*; Office of the Actuary, CMS.

Nursing home prices, as measured by the CPI, increased 3.3 percent in 2005:Q1, after increasing 3.5 percent in 2004:Q4 (Table 7). After reaching a peak of 5.8 percent in 2003:Q2, the increases in nursing home prices have fallen steadily.

Nursing home prices, as measured by the PPI for Skilled and Intermediate Care Facilities, increased just 3.4 percent, after increasing 4.0 percent in 2004:Q4 and five quarters of growth in the 4 percent range (Table 7). This deceleration is due to a slowdown in growth in the PPIs for public and private payers.

## Home Health Care Prices

**Figure 8: Percent Change in Home Health Prices from the Same Period of the Previous Year: 2000-2005**



SOURCES: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Producer Price Indexes*; Office of the Actuary, CMS.

Home health care prices, as measured by the PPI, increased 0.9 percent in 2005:Q1, after increasing 1.2 percent 2004:Q4 (Table 7). This was the sixth straight quarter of increase in this series, after four quarters of negligible or negative growth. The increase in the aggregate home health care PPI has decelerated since 2004:Q2, mainly due to a decrease in the growth in the PPI for Medicare payers.

Table 1: Hospital Insurance and Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund Operations, 2000-2005

Indicator	Calendar Year				2002	2002	2002	2003	2003	2003	2003	2004	2004	2004	2004	2005
	2001	2002	2003	2004	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
<u>Total Medicare Outlays in Millions of Dollars</u>	\$246,091	\$265,589	\$280,831	\$308,914	\$66,813	\$66,920	\$71,685	\$64,049	\$70,926	\$71,214	\$74,642	\$70,690	\$77,199	\$78,974	\$82,051	\$78,410
Hospital Insurance Trust Fund	144,707	152,422	154,688	170,607	38,478	38,225	40,228	34,568	39,857	39,166	41,097	40,180	43,163	42,577	44,687	44,021
Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund	101,384	113,167	126,143	138,307	28,335	28,695	31,457	29,481	31,069	32,048	33,545	30,510	34,036	36,397	37,364	34,389
<u>Hospital Insurance Trust Fund</u>																
Operations: In Millions of Dollars																
Income	\$181,668	\$178,554	\$175,800	\$183,889	\$54,444	\$37,249	\$46,004	\$38,895	\$53,588	\$37,325	\$45,992	\$39,720	\$55,018	\$40,084	\$49,067	\$43,756
Outlays	144,707	152,422	154,688	170,607	38,478	38,225	40,228	34,568	39,857	39,166	41,097	40,180	43,163	42,577	44,687	44,021
Difference	36,961	26,132	21,111	13,285	15,965	-977	5,776	4,326	13,731	-1,841	4,895	-460	11,857	-2,492	4,380	-265
Assets at End of Period <sup>1</sup>	211,091	237,223	258,334	271,619	232,424	231,447	237,223	241,549	255,280	253,439	258,334	257,874	269,731	267,239	271,619	271,354
<u>Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund</u>																
Operations: In Millions of Dollars																
Income	\$100,193	\$106,082	\$115,790	\$133,762	\$26,919	\$25,756	\$27,127	\$28,190	\$29,457	\$25,419	\$32,724	\$32,624	\$33,674	\$27,782	\$39,682	\$38,955
Outlays	101,384	113,167	126,143	138,307	28,335	28,695	31,457	29,481	31,069	32,048	33,545	30,510	34,036	36,397	37,364	34,389
Difference	-1,191	-7,082	-10,353	-4,547	-1,414	-2,939	-4,329	-1,290	-1,612	-6,629	-822	2,113	-362	-8,616	2,318	4,566
Assets at End of Period <sup>1</sup>	39,583	32,501	22,148	17,601	39,769	36,830	32,501	31,211	29,599	22,970	22,148	24,261	23,899	15,283	17,601	22,167
Annual Percent Change																
<u>Total Medicare Outlays</u>	11.2	7.9	5.7	10.0	7.9	7.0	13.9	6.4	6.2	6.4	4.1	10.4	8.8	10.9	9.9	10.9
Hospital Insurance Trust Fund	10.8	5.3	1.5	10.3	8.1	3.5	12.3	-2.6	3.6	2.5	2.2	16.2	8.3	8.7	8.7	9.6
Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund	11.8	11.6	11.5	9.6	7.6	12.1	16.0	19.5	9.6	11.7	6.6	3.5	9.5	13.6	11.4	12.7
<u>Hospital Insurance Trust Fund</u>																
Operations																
Income	12.6	-1.7	-1.5	4.6	7.5	-0.5	-2.5	-4.8	-1.6	0.2	0.0	2.1	2.7	7.4	6.7	10.2
Outlays	10.8	5.3	1.5	10.3	8.1	3.5	12.3	-2.6	3.6	2.5	2.2	16.2	8.3	8.7	8.7	9.6
Assets at End of Period	21.2	12.4	8.9	5.1	16.7	15.9	12.4	11.6	9.8	9.5	8.9	6.8	5.7	5.4	5.1	5.2
<u>Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund</u>																
Operations																
Income	13.3	5.9	9.2	15.5	6.1	13.7	1.5	7.3	9.4	-1.3	20.6	15.7	14.3	9.3	21.3	19.4
Outlays	11.8	11.6	11.5	9.6	7.6	12.1	16.0	19.5	9.6	11.7	6.6	3.5	9.5	13.6	11.4	12.7
Assets at End of Period	-2.9	-17.9	-31.9	-20.5	-7.4	-7.9	-17.9	-24.2	-25.6	-37.6	-31.9	-22.3	-19.3	-33.5	-20.5	-8.6

<sup>1</sup> As shown in the Monthly Treasury Statement. Excludes undisbursed balance.

NOTE: Q designates quarter of year. Quarterly data are not seasonally adjusted.

SOURCES: Monthly Treasury Statement of Receipts and Outlays of the United States Government. Financial Management Service, U.S. Department of the Treasury. 2005 Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees of the HI and SMI Trust Funds. Office of the Actuary, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Table 2: Employment, Hours, and Earnings in Private<sup>1</sup> Health Service Establishments by Selected Type of Establishment: 2000-2005

Type of establishment	Calendar Year				2002	2002	2002	2003	2003	2003	2003	2004	2004	2004	2004	2005
	2001	2002	2003	2004	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
<b>Total Employment in Thousands</b>																
Nonfarm Private Sector <sup>2</sup>	110,707	108,828	108,416	109,862	109,116	109,478	109,218	106,857	108,559	109,076	109,171	107,360	110,069	110,851	111,168	109,409
Health Care	11,187	11,536	11,817	12,055	11,489	11,585	11,679	11,700	11,804	11,849	11,915	11,921	12,034	12,099	12,166	12,166
Ambulatory Health Care Services	4,461	4,633	4,786	4,946	4,613	4,653	4,711	4,714	4,806	4,869	4,852	4,869	4,935	4,966	5,015	5,016
Offices of Physicians	1,911	1,968	2,003	2,054	1,958	1,977	1,987	1,984	1,994	2,007	2,025	2,029	2,045	2,059	2,084	2,086
Offices of Dentists	705	725	744	760	723	727	735	735	743	750	750	749	761	763	766	762
Outpatient Care Centers	400	413	427	446	411	414	420	421	426	427	433	440	446	449	449	451
Home Health Care Services	639	680	733	773	677	681	704	706	731	739	753	752	772	777	792	791
Private Hospitals	4,051	4,160	4,245	4,294	4,140	4,181	4,202	4,219	4,244	4,252	4,263	4,260	4,285	4,309	4,320	4,331
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	2,676	2,743	2,786	2,815	2,736	2,751	2,765	2,767	2,786	2,791	2,801	2,791	2,813	2,823	2,832	2,819
Nursing Care Facilities	1,547	1,573	1,580	1,575	1,570	1,578	1,581	1,578	1,582	1,579	1,580	1,568	1,575	1,579	1,579	1,566
Residential Mental Health Facilities	461	473	484	491	472	475	476	481	483	485	486	486	490	493	495	496
Continuing Care Retirement Communities	222	236	257	279	233	236	243	245	252	261	270	275	277	279	283	283
<b>Nonsupervisory Employment</b>																
Nonfarm Private Sector <sup>2</sup>	89,983	88,393	87,658	88,976	88,737	88,889	88,624	86,304	87,775	88,254	88,300	86,512	89,054	89,993	90,343	88,763
Health Care	9,972	10,258	10,426	10,581	10,223	10,285	10,360	10,348	10,424	10,447	10,485	10,464	10,561	10,624	10,676	10,681
Ambulatory Health Care Services	3,834	3,966	4,052	4,158	3,950	3,974	4,025	4,007	4,047	4,066	4,088	4,088	4,146	4,179	4,218	4,221
Offices of Physicians	1,601	1,636	1,638	1,665	1,630	1,639	1,646	1,635	1,633	1,641	1,644	1,645	1,658	1,668	1,687	1,689
Offices of Dentists	610	627	634	640	624	627	637	630	635	637	635	631	640	645	646	643
Outpatient Care Centers	350	359	368	383	357	359	364	364	368	367	372	378	383	386	384	386
Home Health Care Services	588	626	675	711	623	626	650	651	675	682	692	690	710	716	730	729
Private Hospitals	3,746	3,841	3,896	3,931	3,827	3,856	3,868	3,878	3,899	3,901	3,909	3,905	3,924	3,944	3,952	3,966
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	2,391	2,451	2,477	2,492	2,446	2,455	2,467	2,462	2,478	2,480	2,488	2,472	2,490	2,500	2,506	2,495
Nursing Care Facilities	1,393	1,416	1,418	1,417	1,414	1,418	1,422	1,418	1,422	1,416	1,417	1,408	1,417	1,421	1,421	1,407
Residential Mental Health Facilities	403	414	422	425	413	416	418	420	421	424	424	422	424	428	428	428
Continuing Care Retirement Communities	202	214	232	248	212	215	221	222	228	235	243	246	247	249	252	253
<b>Average Weekly Hours</b>																
Nonfarm Private Sector <sup>2</sup>	34.0	33.9	33.7	33.7	34.0	34.1	33.9	33.6	33.7	33.8	33.8	33.5	33.7	33.9	33.7	33.5
Health Care	32.6	32.7	32.9	33.1	32.6	32.9	32.8	32.9	32.8	32.9	33.0	33.0	33.0	33.2	33.1	33.3
Ambulatory Health Care Services	30.7	31.1	31.2	31.3	31.0	31.3	31.4	31.5	31.3	31.0	31.2	31.3	31.3	31.2	31.3	31.5
Offices of Physicians	32.7	33.1	33.1	33.4	33.0	33.2	33.2	33.4	33.0	32.9	33.1	33.3	33.3	33.5	33.3	33.5
Offices of Dentists	27.3	27.2	27.3	26.9	27.1	27.4	27.5	27.4	27.5	27.0	27.1	27.0	26.7	26.7	27.0	27.3
Outpatient Care Centers	30.5	30.9	32.5	34.0	30.9	31.1	31.3	32.0	32.3	32.6	33.1	33.7	34.0	33.9	34.3	34.6
Home Health Care Services	27.7	28.4	29.0	28.8	28.1	28.7	29.3	29.0	28.8	28.8	28.8	28.7	28.7	28.8	29.0	28.9
Private Hospitals	34.3	34.3	34.8	35.2	34.2	34.4	34.4	34.6	34.6	34.9	35.1	35.0	35.0	35.4	35.4	35.7
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	33.0	32.8	32.6	32.7	32.8	33.1	32.7	32.6	32.5	32.7	32.6	32.6	32.6	33.0	32.5	32.5
Nursing Care Facilities	32.8	32.5	32.2	32.3	32.5	32.7	32.4	32.3	32.1	32.3	32.1	32.2	32.2	32.2	32.1	32.2
Residential Mental Health Facilities	34.3	34.1	34.0	34.1	34.2	34.3	34.0	33.9	33.8	34.2	34.1	34.3	34.1	34.4	33.6	33.8
Continuing Care Retirement Communities	32.3	32.3	32.3	32.2	32.3	32.8	32.3	32.3	32.2	32.4	32.4	31.9	32.2	32.6	32.2	32.0
<b>Average Hourly Earnings</b>																
Nonfarm Private Sector <sup>2</sup>	14.53	14.95	15.35	15.67	14.84	14.96	15.17	15.30	15.28	15.34	15.47	15.56	15.59	15.68	15.85	15.97
Health Care	15.37	16.07	15.30	17.33	15.91	16.17	16.41	16.57	16.53	16.70	16.91	17.10	17.23	17.39	17.60	17.74
Ambulatory Health Care Services	15.59	16.25	16.87	17.44	16.11	16.37	16.57	16.76	16.74	16.91	17.06	17.23	17.35	17.52	17.66	17.71
Offices of Physicians	16.25	17.04	17.91	18.40	16.76	17.22	17.56	17.83	17.80	17.98	18.02	18.23	18.31	18.45	18.63	18.69
Offices of Dentists	16.74	17.78	18.38	18.96	17.77	17.95	18.08	18.22	18.18	18.40	18.72	18.77	18.89	19.05	19.13	19.13
Outpatient Care Centers	15.95	16.50	17.67	18.57	16.35	16.54	16.89	17.26	17.48	17.85	18.11	18.36	18.47	18.67	18.76	18.80
Home Health Care Services	13.18	13.37	13.69	14.41	13.36	13.38	13.55	13.55	13.71	13.95	14.21	14.31	14.49	14.63	14.57	14.57
Private Hospitals	17.72	18.63	19.37	20.30	18.43	18.75	19.06	19.24	19.16	19.38	19.70	19.99	20.12	20.40	20.70	20.94
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	11.19	11.60	11.86	12.05	11.48	11.67	11.79	11.82	11.81	11.88	11.97	11.97	12.01	12.07	12.16	12.21
Nursing Care Facilities	11.69	12.13	12.52	12.75	12.01	12.21	12.34	12.43	12.46	12.58	12.61	12.65	12.70	12.79	12.85	12.93
Residential Mental Health Facilities	10.38	10.72	10.83	11.10	10.64	10.80	10.87	10.81	10.76	10.79	10.95	11.02	11.06	11.12	11.20	11.21
Continuing Care Retirement Communities	10.87	11.27	11.45	11.68	11.18	11.38	11.42	11.40	11.42	11.49	11.47	11.62	11.68	11.66	11.75	11.93
<b>Addenda: Hospital Employment in Thousands</b>																
Total	5,253	5,375	5,473	5,546	5,353	5,400	5,421	5,437	5,463	5,490	5,503	5,505	5,535	5,564	5,580	5,594
Private	4,051	4,160	4,245	4,294	4,140	4,181	4,202	4,219	4,244	4,252	4,263	4,260	4,285	4,309	4,320	4,331
Federal	229	227	233	245	227	226	226	227	231	237	239	243	244	246	247	249
State	345	349	350	350	348	351	351	349	348	347	347	347	349	350	353	353
Local	628	642	651	657	639	644	645	647	650	653	655	655	656	658	660	662

<sup>1</sup> Excludes hospitals, clinics, and other health-related establishments run by all governments.

NOTE: Data presented here conform to the 1997 North American Industrial Classification System.

Q designates quarter of year. Quarterly data are not seasonally adjusted.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics: Employment and Earnings. Washington. U.S. Government Printing Office. Monthly reports for January 1999 - March 2005.

Table 3: Percent Change in Employment, Hours, and Earnings in Private Health Service Establishments by Selected Type of Establishment: 2000-2005

Type of establishment	Calendar Year				2002 Q2	2002 Q3	2002 Q4	2003 Q1	2003 Q2	2003 Q3	2003 Q4	2004 Q1	2004 Q2	2004 Q3	2004 Q4	2005 Q1
	2001	2002	2003	2004												
<b>Total Employment in Thousands</b>	<b>Annual Percent Change</b>				<b>Percent Change from Same Period of Previous Year</b>											
Nonfarm Private Sector <sup>1</sup>	-0.3	-1.7	-0.4	1.3	-2.0	-1.7	-0.8	-0.6	-0.5	-0.4	0.0	0.5	1.4	1.6	1.8	1.9
Health Care	3.0	3.1	2.4	2.0	3.2	2.9	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.3	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.1
Ambulatory Health Care Services	3.3	3.8	3.3	3.3	3.8	3.7	4.1	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.0	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.0
Offices of Physicians	3.9	3.0	1.8	2.6	2.9	2.7	2.6	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.9	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.9	2.8
Offices of Dentists	2.5	2.8	2.7	2.0	2.8	2.5	3.5	3.1	2.8	3.1	2.0	1.9	2.3	1.8	2.1	1.7
Outpatient Care Centers	3.4	3.3	3.3	4.5	3.2	3.2	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.2	3.0	4.5	4.7	5.0	3.9	2.5
Home Health Care Services	0.8	6.5	7.8	5.5	6.9	6.1	7.5	7.4	8.1	8.6	7.1	6.5	5.5	5.1	5.1	5.1
Private Hospitals	2.4	2.7	2.0	1.2	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.5	1.7	1.4	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.7
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	3.6	2.5	1.6	1.0	2.7	2.1	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.4	1.3	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.0
Nursing Care Facilities	2.2	1.7	0.4	-0.3	1.9	1.6	1.2	0.9	0.8	0.1	-0.1	-0.7	-0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Residential Mental Health Facilities	5.5	2.6	2.3	1.5	2.8	1.9	1.8	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.1	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.9	2.1
Continuing Care Retirement Communities	4.1	6.0	9.0	8.4	5.7	5.2	6.9	6.5	8.3	10.4	10.8	12.1	9.9	7.1	4.9	2.9
<b>Nonsupervisory Employment</b>	<b>Annual Percent Change</b>				<b>Percent Change from Same Period of Previous Year</b>											
Nonfarm Private Sector <sup>1</sup>	-0.4	-1.8	-0.8	1.5	-2.0	-1.9	-1.1	-1.2	-1.1	-0.7	-0.4	0.2	1.5	2.0	2.3	2.6
Health Care+A46	3.1	2.9	1.6	1.5	3.0	2.5	2.5	1.8	2.0	1.6	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.7	1.8	2.1
Ambulatory Health Care Services	3.2	3.4	2.2	2.6	3.4	3.1	3.5	2.4	2.5	2.3	1.6	2.0	2.4	2.8	3.2	3.2
Offices of Physicians	3.6	2.2	0.1	1.6	2.0	1.8	1.6	0.3	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.6	1.5	1.7	2.6	2.7
Offices of Dentists	2.6	2.8	1.2	1.0	2.7	2.0	3.5	1.8	1.7	1.6	-0.3	0.2	0.8	1.3	1.7	2.0
Outpatient Care Centers	3.9	2.5	2.4	4.1	2.1	2.2	2.7	2.2	3.0	2.2	2.3	3.8	4.1	5.1	3.2	2.3
Home Health Care Services	0.8	6.5	7.8	5.4	6.9	6.1	7.8	7.5	8.4	9.0	6.5	6.0	5.1	4.9	5.4	5.7
Private Hospitals	2.7	2.5	1.5	0.9	2.7	2.4	2.0	1.7	1.9	1.2	1.0	0.7	0.7	1.1	1.1	1.6
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	3.8	2.5	1.1	0.6	2.8	1.9	1.6	1.1	1.3	1.0	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.9
Nursing Care Facilities	2.4	1.7	0.1	-0.1	2.0	1.4	0.8	0.5	0.5	-0.1	-0.3	-0.7	-0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0
Residential Mental Health Facilities	5.6	2.8	1.9	0.7	2.8	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.0	1.9	1.6	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.9	1.5
Continuing Care Retirement Communities	4.3	6.3	8.1	7.1	6.2	5.6	6.9	6.0	7.4	9.3	9.8	11.0	8.4	5.8	3.7	2.6
<b>Average Weekly Hours</b>	<b>Annual Percent Change</b>				<b>Percent Change from Same Period of Previous Year</b>											
Nonfarm Private Sector <sup>1</sup>	-1.1	-0.3	-0.5	0.1	0.0	-0.4	0.1	0.2	-0.8	-1.0	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.4	-0.1	0.0
Health Care	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.5	1.4	0.7	-0.1	0.5	0.3	0.4	1.0	0.4	0.9
Ambulatory Health Care Services	0.7	1.1	0.5	0.1	1.0	1.5	1.7	2.5	1.0	-0.9	-0.6	-0.7	0.0	0.8	0.5	0.7
Offices of Physicians	1.0	1.1	0.1	0.8	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.7	-0.1	-1.0	-0.3	-0.3	1.0	1.7	0.7	0.5
Offices of Dentists	-0.3	-0.3	0.3	-1.3	-0.7	1.1	0.0	2.6	1.7	-1.7	-1.2	-2.3	-1.7	-0.9	-0.5	1.1
Outpatient Care Centers	0.4	1.6	5.1	4.6	1.6	1.3	2.5	4.9	4.5	4.9	5.9	5.5	5.3	4.1	3.6	2.7
Home Health Care Services	0.9	2.9	1.9	-0.6	1.7	3.4	5.8	6.0	3.3	0.1	-1.7	-2.3	-0.9	0.0	0.8	0.7
Private Hospitals	0.7	-0.2	1.6	1.2	-0.4	0.0	0.4	1.5	1.2	1.6	2.2	1.4	1.2	1.5	0.7	2.0
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	0.2	-0.6	-0.6	0.1	-0.4	-0.9	-0.9	-0.1	-0.8	-1.0	-0.3	-0.2	0.2	0.8	-0.4	-0.2
Nursing Care Facilities	0.2	-1.0	-0.9	0.3	-0.9	-1.6	-1.4	-0.7	-1.0	-1.2	-0.7	-0.3	0.3	1.0	0.0	0.1
Residential Mental Health Facilities	0.1	-0.4	-0.5	0.3	0.2	-0.9	-0.9	-0.5	-1.3	-0.5	0.4	1.2	1.0	0.6	-1.5	-1.5
Continuing Care Retirement Communities	0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.3	0.4	0.2	0.1	1.4	-0.1	-1.0	0.1	-1.1	-0.1	0.4	-0.5	0.2
<b>Average Hourly Earnings</b>	<b>Annual Percent Change</b>				<b>Percent Change from Same Period of Previous Year</b>											
Nonfarm Private Sector <sup>1</sup>	3.8	2.9	2.7	2.1	2.7	2.8	3.1	3.4	2.9	2.6	2.0	1.7	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.6
Health Care	5.1	4.6	3.8	3.9	4.4	4.9	4.8	5.0	3.9	3.3	3.0	3.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	3.7
Ambulatory Health Care Services	4.0	4.2	3.8	3.4	3.8	4.9	4.7	5.0	3.9	3.3	3.0	2.8	3.6	3.6	3.5	2.7
Offices of Physicians	3.8	4.9	5.1	2.8	3.7	5.9	6.6	7.1	6.2	4.4	2.6	2.2	2.8	2.6	3.3	2.5
Offices of Dentists	4.9	6.2	3.4	3.1	6.7	7.3	5.8	5.2	2.3	2.5	3.6	3.0	3.9	3.5	2.2	1.9
Outpatient Care Centers	4.3	3.5	7.1	5.1	3.2	3.6	4.4	6.5	7.0	7.9	7.2	6.4	5.7	4.6	3.6	2.4
Home Health Care Services	2.7	1.4	2.4	5.2	1.5	1.0	0.5	1.2	1.4	2.6	4.3	4.8	5.6	5.7	4.9	2.6
Private Hospitals	6.1	5.1	4.0	4.8	5.3	5.2	5.0	5.4	3.9	3.4	3.3	3.9	5.0	5.2	5.1	4.8
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	4.9	3.6	2.3	1.6	3.2	3.7	3.9	3.3	2.9	1.8	1.2	1.3	1.7	1.6	1.9	2.0
Nursing Care Facilities	5.5	3.8	3.2	1.8	3.5	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.0	2.2	1.8	2.0	1.7	1.9	2.2
Residential Mental Health Facilities	4.2	3.3	1.0	2.5	3.0	3.6	3.9	2.4	1.1	-0.1	0.7	1.9	2.8	3.1	2.3	1.7
Continuing Care Residential Communities	5.3	3.7	1.5	2.0	3.6	4.2	3.6	2.5	2.2	1.0	0.4	1.9	2.2	1.5	2.5	2.7
<b>Addenda: Hospital Employment in Thousands</b>	<b>Annual Percent Change</b>				<b>Percent Change from Same Period of Previous Year</b>											
Total	2.2	2.3	1.8	1.3	2.4	2.3	2.0	2.0	2.1	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.6
Private	2.4	2.7	2.0	1.2	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.5	1.7	1.4	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.7
Federal	3.2	-1.0	3.0	5.0	-1.1	-1.7	-1.7	-0.4	2.0	4.5	5.9	6.8	5.8	4.0	3.4	2.4
State	0.6	1.3	-0.5	0.6	1.6	1.4	0.6	0.4	0.0	-0.9	-1.3	-0.3	0.3	0.6	1.8	1.6
Local	1.0	2.1	1.5	1.0	2.4	2.0	1.4	1.3	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.0	0.8	0.9	1.1

<sup>1</sup> Excludes hospitals, clinics, and other health-related establishments run by all governments.

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Q designates quarter of year. Quarterly data are not seasonally adjusted.

Table 4: Percent Change in Implied Nonsupervisory Payrolls, Aggregate Hours, and Various Employment Cost Indexes for the Total Economy and Private Health Service Establishments: 2000-2005

	Calendar Year				2002 Q2	2002 Q3	2002 Q4	2003 Q1	2003 Q2	2003 Q3	2003 Q4	2004 Q1	2004 Q2	2004 Q3	2004 Q4	2005 Q1
	2001	2002	2003	2004												
Employment & Earnings (see tables 4, 5)	Annual Percent Change				Percent Change from Same Period of Previous Year											
<u>Payrolls</u>																
Nonfarm Private Sector <sup>1</sup>	2.3	0.8	1.4	3.7	0.6	0.5	2.0	2.4	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.8	3.6	4.6	4.7	5.3
Health Care	8.9	7.8	6.3	6.1	7.6	8.0	8.0	8.6	6.7	5.1	5.0	4.8	6.1	7.1	6.5	7.0
Ambulatory Health Care Services	8.1	9.0	6.5	6.2	8.4	9.8	10.2	10.1	7.5	4.8	3.9	4.1	6.2	7.3	7.4	6.9
Offices of Physicians	8.7	8.4	5.3	5.2	7.0	9.3	9.9	9.3	6.4	3.4	2.2	2.6	5.5	6.2	6.8	5.8
Offices of Dentists	7.3	8.8	4.9	2.8	8.8	10.7	9.5	9.9	5.8	2.4	2.0	0.8	3.0	3.9	3.4	5.1
Outpatient Care Centers	8.8	7.8	15.3	14.3	7.1	7.3	9.9	14.2	15.1	15.7	16.1	16.6	15.8	14.4	10.8	7.5
Home Health Care Services	4.5	11.2	12.4	10.2	10.3	10.8	14.5	15.4	13.6	11.9	9.2	8.6	10.0	10.9	11.5	9.2
Private Hospitals	9.6	7.5	7.2	7.0	7.7	7.7	7.5	8.8	7.1	6.2	6.8	6.0	6.9	8.0	7.0	8.5
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	9.1	5.5	2.8	2.4	5.7	4.7	4.6	4.4	3.4	1.8	1.7	1.5	2.4	3.3	2.2	2.7
Nursing Care Facilities	8.3	4.5	2.3	2.0	4.6	3.6	3.2	3.5	3.2	1.6	1.2	0.8	1.9	3.1	2.1	2.2
Residential Mental Health Facilities	10.2	5.8	2.5	3.4	9.6	9.4	9.2	8.3	6.9	4.5	-0.5	4.3	4.2	4.8	9.1	5.2
Continuing Care Retirement Communities	10.2	10.4	9.9	8.8	10.4	10.2	10.8	10.1	9.7	9.2	10.7	11.8	10.7	7.9	5.4	5.6
<u>Aggregate Hours</u>																
Nonfarm Private Sector <sup>1</sup>	-1.5	-2.0	-1.3	1.6	-2.0	-2.3	-1.0	-1.0	-1.9	-1.7	-0.7	0.1	1.6	2.4	2.2	2.6
Health Care	3.6	3.1	2.3	2.0	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.3	2.7	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.7	2.7	2.2	3.0
Ambulatory Health Care Services	3.9	4.6	2.7	2.7	4.4	4.6	5.3	4.9	3.5	1.4	0.9	1.3	2.4	3.6	3.7	4.0
Offices of Physicians	4.7	3.3	0.2	2.4	3.2	3.1	3.1	2.1	0.1	-0.9	-0.4	0.3	2.6	3.4	3.3	3.2
Offices of Dentists	2.3	2.4	1.5	-0.4	2.0	3.1	3.5	4.5	3.5	-0.1	-1.5	-2.1	-0.9	0.4	1.2	3.1
Outpatient Care Centers	4.4	4.1	7.6	8.9	3.8	3.6	5.2	7.3	7.6	7.2	8.3	9.6	9.6	9.4	6.9	5.0
Home Health Care Services	1.8	9.6	9.8	4.7	8.7	9.7	14.0	14.0	11.9	9.1	4.7	3.6	4.2	4.9	6.3	6.5
Private Hospitals	3.3	2.3	3.1	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.4	3.2	3.1	2.7	3.3	2.1	1.8	2.6	1.8	3.6
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	4.0	1.9	0.5	0.7	2.4	0.9	0.7	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.7	1.6	0.3	0.7
Nursing Care Facilities	2.6	0.7	-0.8	0.1	1.1	-0.2	-0.6	-0.3	-0.5	-1.4	-1.0	-1.0	0.0	1.4	0.3	0.1
Residential Mental Health Facilities	5.7	2.4	1.5	0.9	3.0	1.1	1.1	1.7	0.7	1.4	2.0	1.7	1.2	1.2	-0.6	-0.1
Continuing Care Retirement Communities	4.6	6.4	8.2	6.8	6.6	5.8	7.0	7.4	7.3	8.1	9.9	9.7	8.3	6.3	3.2	2.9
<u>Employment Cost Indexes</u>																
<u>Compensation</u>																
All Workers - Civilian	4.1	3.7	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.7	3.4	3.9	3.7	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.5
Health Services Workers	4.9	4.5	3.7	4.1	4.7	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.4	4.1	4.0
Hospital Workers	5.4	5.2	4.4	4.2	5.3	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.0	4.2
All Workers - Private Industry	4.1	3.7	3.9	3.8	4.0	3.7	3.2	3.8	3.5	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.8	3.4
Health Services Workers	5.0	4.4	3.8	4.2	4.7	4.1	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.5	4.2	4.0
Hospital Workers	5.8	5.3	4.7	4.4	5.5	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.2	4.3
Nursing Home Workers	-	-	-	-	5.0	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.0	2.4
All Workers - State and Local Government	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.2	3.6	3.8	4.1	4.2	4.1	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.6
Health Services Workers	4.3	4.6	3.5	3.6	4.5	4.1	4.4	3.7	3.3	3.7	3.3	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.4	3.9
Hospital Workers	4.1	4.7	3.6	3.4	4.6	4.3	4.5	3.9	3.4	3.8	3.1	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.9
<u>Wages and Salaries</u>																
All Workers - Civilian	3.7	3.3	2.8	2.5	3.5	3.2	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.9	2.9	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4
Health Services Workers	4.6	4.2	3.1	3.5	4.4	3.8	3.5	3.0	3.0	3.2	3.1	3.5	3.3	3.7	3.5	3.3
Hospital Workers	5.1	4.8	3.7	3.3	4.9	4.4	4.3	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4
All Workers - Private Industry	3.8	3.3	2.9	2.5	3.6	3.2	2.7	3.0	2.6	3.0	3.0	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.4
Health Services Workers	4.6	4.1	3.1	3.6	4.3	3.8	3.4	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.6	3.4	3.8	3.7	3.3
Hospital Workers	5.4	4.9	3.9	3.5	5.0	4.5	4.3	4.1	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5
Nursing Home Workers	-	-	-	-	5.0	4.3	4.1	3.5	3.3	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5
All Workers - State & Local Government	3.7	3.2	2.6	2.0	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.1	2.3	2.1	2.1	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.3
Health Services Workers	4.0	4.5	3.0	2.6	4.5	4.1	4.1	3.2	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.7	2.4	2.7
Hospital Workers	4.0	4.6	3.0	2.6	4.6	4.2	4.4	3.4	3.1	3.1	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.6	2.7
<u>Benefits</u>																
All Workers - Civilian	4.9	4.9	6.3	6.9	5.0	4.9	5.0	6.1	6.3	6.5	6.3	6.9	7.2	6.8	6.9	5.9
All Workers - Private Industry	5.0	4.9	6.3	7.0	5.1	4.8	4.7	6.1	6.1	6.5	6.4	7.0	7.3	6.8	6.9	5.8
All Workers - State & Local Government	4.3	5.3	6.6	6.5	4.6	5.4	6.2	6.6	6.8	6.7	6.1	6.2	6.6	6.4	6.7	6.6

<sup>1</sup> Excludes hospitals, clinics, and other health-related establishments run by all governments.

Q designates quarter of year. Quarterly data are not seasonally adjusted.

Table 5: Selected National Economic Indicators: 2000-2005

Indicator	Calendar Year				2002 Q2	2002 Q3	2002 Q4	2003 Q1	2003 Q2	2003 Q3	2003 Q4	2004 Q1	2004 Q2	2004 Q3	2004 Q4	2005 Q1
	2001	2002	2003	2004												
<b>Gross Domestic Product</b>																
Billions of Dollars	10,128	10,487	11,004	11,735	10,446	10,547	10,618	10,745	10,884	11,117	11,271	11,473	11,658	11,815	11,995	12,192
Billions of 1996 Chain Weighted Dollars	9,891	10,075	10,381	10,842	10,053	10,117	10,136	10,184	10,287	10,473	10,581	10,698	10,785	10,891	10,994	11,089
Implicit Price Deflator (1996 = 100.0)	102.4	104.1	106.0	108.2	103.9	104.2	104.8	105.5	105.8	106.1	106.5	107.2	108.1	108.5	109.1	109.9
<b>Personal Income</b>																
Personal Income in Billions	8,879	9,162	9,666	8,804	8,897	8,896	8,919	9,002	9,106	9,209	9,330	9,445	9,593	9,674	9,954	10,100
Disposable Income in Billions	7,828	8,160	8,629	7,738	7,845	7,849	7,879	7,977	8,075	8,268	8,321	8,438	8,562	8,631	8,884	8,954
<b>Prices<sup>1</sup></b>																
Consumer Price Index, All Items	177.1	179.9	184.0	188.9	179.8	180.6	181.2	183.0	183.7	184.6	184.6	186.3	188.9	189.6	190.7	191.9
All Items Less Medical Care	171.9	174.3	178.1	182.7	174.3	174.9	175.4	177.2	177.9	178.6	178.6	180.2	182.7	183.3	184.4	185.4
Energy	129.3	121.7	136.5	151.4	123.3	125.8	124.8	135.2	136.2	140.7	133.9	140.4	153.2	155.3	156.7	156.0
Food and Beverages	173.6	176.8	180.5	186.6	176.5	176.7	177.4	178.7	179.5	180.8	183.1	184.6	186.1	187.2	188.6	189.5
Medical Care	272.8	285.6	297.1	310.1	284.0	287.2	290.3	293.5	295.5	298.4	300.9	305.7	309.1	311.6	314.1	318.9
<b>Producer Price<sup>2</sup> Index Finished</b>																
Consumer Goods	141.5	139.4	145.3	151.7	139.3	139.7	140.5	144.1	144.2	145.8	147.0	148.2	151.6	151.9	155.0	156.0
Energy	96.7	88.8	102.0	113.0	89.0	91.6	92.2	101.5	100.7	104.4	101.5	106.2	111.9	115.2	118.6	119.3
Food	141.3	140.1	146.0	152.6	139.5	139.3	139.3	142.4	144.6	146.4	150.5	149.1	154.4	152.4	154.9	155.3
Finished Goods Except Food & Energy	156.9	157.7	157.9	160.3	157.8	157.0	158.3	157.9	157.3	157.1	159.2	159.5	159.9	159.6	162.3	163.8
Annual Percent Change																
<b>Gross Domestic Product</b>																
Billions of Dollars	3.2	3.5	4.9	6.6	3.1	4.1	3.8	3.9	4.2	5.4	6.2	6.8	7.1	6.3	6.4	6.3
Billions of 1996 Chain Weighted Dollars	0.7	1.9	3.0	4.4	1.5	2.5	2.3	1.9	2.3	3.5	4.4	5.0	4.8	4.0	3.9	3.7
Implicit Price Deflator (1996 = 100.0)	2.4	1.7	1.8	2.1	1.6	1.5	1.5	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.5
<b>Personal Income</b>																
Personal Income in Billions	3.5	1.8	3.2	5.5	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.3	2.3	3.5	4.6	4.9	5.3	5.0	6.7	6.9
Disposable Income in Billions	4.1	4.6	4.2	5.7	5.9	3.0	4.7	3.1	2.9	5.3	5.6	5.8	6.0	4.4	6.8	6.1
<b>Prices<sup>1</sup></b>																
Consumer Price Index, All Items	2.8	1.6	2.3	2.7	1.3	1.6	2.2	2.9	2.1	2.2	1.9	1.8	2.9	2.7	3.3	3.0
All Items Less Medical Care	2.7	1.4	2.2	2.6	1.1	1.4	2.1	2.7	2.0	2.1	1.8	1.7	2.7	2.6	3.2	2.9
Energy	3.8	-5.9	12.2	10.9	-10.6	-4.3	7.1	19.9	10.4	11.8	7.3	3.8	12.5	10.4	17.0	11.1
Food and Beverages	3.1	1.8	2.1	3.4	2.1	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.7	2.3	3.2	3.3	3.7	3.5	3.0	2.7
Medical Care	4.6	4.7	4.0	4.4	4.6	4.8	5.0	4.5	4.0	3.9	3.7	4.2	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.3
<b>Producer Price<sup>2</sup> Index Finished</b>																
Consumer Goods	2.4	-1.5	4.2	-3.0	-3.0	-1.5	1.5	4.5	3.5	4.3	4.6	2.9	5.2	4.2	5.4	5.3
Energy	2.7	-8.1	14.9	-18.5	-13.7	-5.7	8.2	22.9	13.1	14.0	10.2	4.7	11.1	10.3	16.8	12.3
Food	3.0	-0.9	4.2	1.7	-1.8	-2.1	-1.3	0.1	3.7	5.1	8.0	4.7	6.8	4.1	2.9	4.2
Finished Goods Except Food & Energy	1.9	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.2	-0.3	0.1	0.6	1.0	1.7	1.6	1.9	2.7

<sup>1</sup> Base Period = 1982-84, unless noted.

<sup>2</sup> Formerly called the "Wholesale Price Index."

NOTE: Q designates quarter of year. Unlike tables 1-6, quarterly data on GDP, personal income, and disposable personal income, are seasonally adjusted at annual rates.

SOURCES: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis: *Survey of Current Business*. Washington. U.S. Government Printing Office. Monthly reports for January 1999 - March 2005; U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics: *CPI Detailed Report* and *Producer Price Indexes*. Washington. U.S. Government Printing Office. Monthly reports for January 1999 - March 2005.

Table 6: Index Levels in Medical Prices: 2000-2005

Indicator	Calendar Year				2002	2002	2002	2003	2003	2003	2003	2004	2004	2004	2004	2005
	2001	2002	2003	2004	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
<b>Consumer Price Indexes, All Urban Consumers<sup>1</sup></b>																
Medical Care Services <sup>2</sup>	278.8	292.9	306.0	321.3	291.0	294.6	298.3	301.9	304.2	307.3	310.5	316.3	320.0	323.0	326.0	332.1
Professional Services	246.5	253.9	261.2	271.5	252.9	254.9	256.5	258.6	260.7	262.0	263.4	267.7	271.0	273.0	274.2	278.2
Physicians' Services	253.6	260.6	267.7	278.3	258.7	261.9	263.7	265.7	267.2	268.3	269.5	274.6	278.1	279.6	280.8	284.4
Dental Services	269.0	281.0	292.5	306.9	280.8	282.6	284.3	287.1	291.9	294.6	296.6	301.2	305.7	309.3	311.4	318.2
Hospital and Related Services	338.3	367.8	394.8	417.9	364.1	370.7	379.9	387.5	389.8	397.4	404.4	412.0	415.0	419.4	425.2	434.3
Hospital Services (12/96=100)	123.6	134.7	144.7	153.4	133.3	136.8	139.3	142.1	142.8	145.7	148.3	151.2	152.3	153.9	156.1	159.5
Inpatient Hospital Services (12/96=100)	121.0	131.2	140.1	148.1	130.0	132.2	135.1	137.7	138.5	141.1	143.0	146.0	147.1	148.8	150.6	154.8
Outpatient Hospital Services (12/96=100)	281.1	309.8	337.9	356.3	305.5	313.1	324.6	331.9	333.1	340.6	346.1	351.7	354.6	356.7	362.1	367.7
Nursing Home Services (12/96=100)	121.8	127.9	135.2	140.4	127.4	128.8	129.7	132.9	134.8	136.1	137.1	138.9	139.7	141.3	141.9	143.5
Medical Care Commodities	247.6	256.4	262.8	269.3	255.5	257.7	259.0	260.7	261.8	264.2	264.6	266.5	269.1	270.3	271.2	272.6
Prescription Drugs	300.9	316.5	326.3	337.1	315.5	318.4	320.7	323.8	324.8	327.8	328.8	332.2	336.6	338.9	340.6	343.9
Non-prescription Drugs & Medical Supplies (1986=100)	150.6	150.4	152.0	152.3	149.8	150.8	150.6	150.6	151.7	153.0	152.6	152.5	152.4	152.0	152.1	150.8
Internal and Respiratory Over-the-Counter Drugs	178.9	178.8	181.2	180.9	177.8	179.6	179.2	179.1	181.0	182.8	181.7	181.6	181.7	180.5	180.0	177.9
Non-prescription Medical Equipment and Supplies	178.2	177.5	178.1	179.7	177.6	177.0	177.4	177.6	177.4	178.3	179.2	179.2	178.7	179.8	181.2	181.1
<b>Producer Price Indexes<sup>3</sup></b>																
<b>Industry Groupings<sup>4</sup></b>																
Offices and Clinics of Doctors of Medicine (12/93=100)	119.1	119.1	120.9	123.4	119.0	119.1	119.1	119.5	120.9	121.5	121.7	123.3	123.4	123.4	123.4	124.5
Hospitals (12/92=100)	123.0	127.5	134.9	141.4	126.0	128.1	130.5	132.7	134.1	135.3	137.6	140.0	140.7	141.6	143.5	145.1
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals (12/92=100)	123.4	127.9	135.3	141.9	126.4	128.4	130.9	133.0	134.4	135.7	138.0	140.4	141.2	142.1	144.0	145.7
Medicare Patients (12/92=100)	113.0	116.1	122.1	126.4	114.6	116.6	118.7	120.8	121.6	121.7	124.3	125.4	125.6	125.8	129.1	130.2
Medicaid Patients (12/92=100)	117.3	121.0	125.5	128.4	120.6	121.9	122.7	124.0	124.8	125.7	127.7	128.3	128.7	128.3	129.3	129.3
All Other Patients (12/92=100)	129.4	136.1	147.0	157.4	134.1	136.5	140.4	143.3	145.9	148.1	150.9	155.0	156.4	158.2	159.9	162.1
Skilled and Intermediate Care Facilities (12/94=100)	139.3	144.6	149.4	155.5	144.0	145.8	145.3	147.5	148.4	150.1	151.5	153.8	154.7	156.4	157.6	159.1
Public Payers (12/94=100)	140.9	146.2	149.5	155.4	145.8	147.5	146.1	147.6	148.5	150.2	151.8	153.4	154.5	156.5	157.8	158.5
Private Payers (12/94=100)	138.3	144.1	151.2	157.5	143.0	145.1	146.0	149.5	150.3	151.9	153.2	156.4	156.9	158.0	159.1	162.0
Medical Laboratories (6/94=100)	113.8	116.3	118.2	119.0	116.1	116.4	116.7	117.3	117.6	118.8	119.1	119.0	119.1	119.0	119.0	122.6
Home Health Care Services (12/96=100)	114.0	116.6	117.0	119.8	116.8	117.6	116.1	116.8	116.2	116.3	118.8	119.6	119.7	119.7	120.1	120.7
Medicare Payers (12/96=100)	116.2	118.2	114.7	117.6	119.2	119.5	114.8	114.9	113.3	113.2	117.2	117.3	117.5	117.4	118.4	118.6
<b>Commodity Groupings</b>																
Drugs and Pharmaceuticals	261.8	265.8	274.7	284.5	229.8	244.5	247.4	248.7	248.2	250.3	253.1	254.3	256.1	256.9	258.1	258.5
Pharmaceutical Preparations (06/01=100)	-	102.7	107.3	112.0	102.2	103.0	104.2	105.5	106.7	107.9	108.8	110.2	112.2	112.5	113.2	114.4
Medical, Surgical, and Personal Aid Devices	148.3	150.9	154.7	157.8	143.3	143.0	143.3	144.0	144.2	144.8	144.6	144.9	145.6	145.7	146.0	146.6
Personal Aid Equipment	155.2	161.4	162.3	165.4	142.0	143.9	143.9	143.9	145.5	147.5	147.7	147.7	147.7	151.1	151.2	151.2
Medical Instruments and Equipment (6/82=100)	127.0	129.1	132.8	134.2	127.0	126.4	126.6	126.9	127.0	126.6	125.6	125.3	125.6	125.4	125.5	125.7
Surgical Appliances and Supplies (6/83=100)	170.4	174.0	178.2	184.3	160.7	160.1	160.3	161.3	161.6	162.9	163.7	165.0	166.0	166.7	167.1	168.8
Ophthalmic Goods (12/83=100)	118.5	119.3	120.0	120.8	119.2	119.1	119.6	120.7	120.3	119.6	119.1	118.5	118.9	118.2	118.1	117.9
Dental Equipment and Supplies (6/85=100)	170.4	172.0	179.1	182.3	148.8	150.8	152.1	153.0	154.8	160.8	162.0	162.3	164.4	163.9	165.4	165.3

<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise noted, base year is 1982-84 = 100

<sup>2</sup> Includes the net cost of private health insurance, not shown separately.

<sup>3</sup> Unless otherwise noted, base year is 1982 = 100. Producer price indexes are classified by industry (price changes received for the industry's output sold outside the industry) and commodity (price changes by similarity of end use or material composition).

<sup>4</sup> Further detail for Producer Price Industry groupings, such as types of physician practices, hospital DRG groupings, etc., are available from BLS.

NOTE: Q designates quarter of year. Quarterly data are not seasonally adjusted.

NOTE: With the January 2004 data release, the Bureau of Labor Statistics converted industry-grouped PPIs from SIC-based PPIs to NAICS-based PPIs. Commodity groupings did not change.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics: *CPI Detailed Report and Producer Price Indexes*. Washington. U.S. Government Printing Office. Monthly reports for January 1999 - March 2005.

Table 7: Percent Change in Medical Prices: 2000-2005

Indicator	Calendar Year			2002 Q2	2002 Q3	2002 Q4	2003 Q1	2003 Q2	2003 Q3	2003 Q4	2004 Q1	2004 Q2	2004 Q3	2004 Q4	2005 Q1	
	2001	2002	2003													2004
	Annual Percent Change				Percent Change from Same Period of Previous Year											
<u>Consumer Price Indexes, All Urban Consumers<sup>1</sup></u>																
Medical Care Services <sup>2</sup>	4.8	5.1	4.5	5.0	4.9	5.2	5.5	5.0	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.8	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.0
Professional Services	3.7	3.0	2.9	4.0	2.8	3.0	3.1	2.9	3.1	2.8	2.7	3.5	4.0	4.2	4.1	3.9
Physicians' Services	3.7	2.8	2.7	4.0	2.2	2.9	3.1	2.9	3.3	2.4	2.2	3.4	4.1	4.2	4.2	3.5
Dental Services	4.0	4.5	4.1	4.9	4.7	4.6	4.5	3.8	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.9	4.7	5.0	5.0	5.6
Hospital and Related Services	6.6	8.7	7.4	5.9	8.6	8.9	9.6	8.8	7.1	7.2	6.4	6.3	6.5	5.5	5.1	5.4
Hospital Services (12/96=100)	6.7	8.9	7.4	6.0	8.8	9.1	9.9	9.0	7.1	7.3	6.5	6.4	6.7	5.6	5.2	5.5
Inpatient Hospital Services (12/96=100)	6.3	8.5	6.8	5.7	8.3	8.7	9.1	8.0	6.6	6.7	5.9	6.1	6.2	5.5	5.3	6.0
Outpatient Hospital Services (12/86=100)	6.6	10.2	9.1	5.4	10.1	10.4	12.5	12.1	9.0	8.8	6.6	6.0	6.5	4.7	4.6	4.5
Nursing Home Services (12/96=100)	4.1	5.0	5.7	3.9	5.4	5.2	4.6	5.6	5.8	5.6	5.7	4.5	3.7	3.8	3.5	3.3
Medical Care Commodities	4.0	3.6	2.5	2.5	3.5	3.5	3.3	2.9	2.5	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.8	2.3	2.5	2.3
Prescription Drugs	5.4	5.2	3.1	3.3	5.5	4.9	4.7	4.0	2.9	2.9	2.5	2.6	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.5
Non-prescription Drugs & Medical Supplies (1986=100)	0.7	-0.1	1.1	0.2	-0.9	0.2	0.0	0.2	1.2	1.5	1.3	1.2	0.5	-0.7	-0.3	-1.1
Internal and Respiratory Over-the-Counter Drugs	1.1	-0.1	1.3	-0.1	-1.0	0.1	0.5	0.3	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.4	0.4	-1.2	-0.9	-2.0
Non-prescription Medical Equipment and Supplies	0.0	-0.4	0.3	0.9	-0.7	0.0	-1.0	-0.3	-0.1	0.8	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.8	1.1	1.0
<u>Producer Price Indexes<sup>3</sup></u>																
<u>Industry Groupings<sup>4</sup></u>																
Offices and Clinics of Doctors of Medicine (12/93=100)	2.8	0.0	1.5	2.0	-0.1	0.2	-0.2	0.4	1.6	2.0	2.2	3.2	2.1	1.6	1.4	1.0
Hospitals (12/92=100)	3.0	3.7	5.8	4.8	2.9	3.9	5.0	5.8	6.4	5.7	5.4	5.5	4.9	4.7	4.3	3.7
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals (12/92=100)	3.1	3.6	5.8	4.9	2.8	3.9	4.9	5.7	6.3	5.7	5.4	5.6	5.0	4.7	4.4	3.8
Medicare Patients (12/92=100)	2.4	2.8	5.2	3.5	1.8	3.0	4.2	5.6	6.0	4.4	4.7	3.9	3.3	3.3	3.8	3.8
Medicaid Patients (12/92=100)	2.6	3.2	3.8	2.3	2.8	4.2	4.2	4.5	3.5	3.1	4.0	3.5	3.1	2.0	0.5	0.8
All Other Patients (12/92=100)	3.6	5.2	8.0	7.0	4.3	5.3	7.0	7.3	8.7	8.5	7.5	8.1	7.2	6.9	5.9	4.6
Skilled and Intermediate Care Facilities (12/94=100)	6.3	3.8	3.3	4.1	4.3	3.2	2.6	2.8	3.0	2.9	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.0	3.4
Public Payers (12/94=100)	7.1	3.7	2.3	3.9	4.5	3.0	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.8	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.2	4.0	3.4
Private Payers (12/94=100)	5.2	4.2	4.9	4.1	4.3	4.0	4.2	4.9	5.1	4.7	5.0	4.6	4.4	4.0	3.9	3.6
Medical Laboratories (6/94=100)	4.2	2.2	1.7	0.7	2.5	2.0	1.7	1.3	1.3	2.1	2.1	1.4	1.2	0.1	-0.1	3.0
Home Health Care Services (12/96=100)	2.6	2.3	0.4	2.3	2.7	2.9	0.4	0.7	-0.5	-1.2	2.4	2.4	3.0	3.0	1.2	0.9
Medicare Payers (12/96=100)	3.7	1.8	-3.0	2.6	3.1	3.0	-3.6	-3.6	-5.0	-5.3	2.1	2.1	3.8	3.7	1.0	1.1
<u>Commodity Groupings</u>																
Drugs and Pharmaceuticals	1.7	1.6	3.3	3.6	1.2	1.9	2.1	2.8	3.3	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.9	3.5	3.4	3.2
Pharmaceutical Preparations (6/01=100)	-	-	4.4	4.5	-	3.6	4.1	4.0	4.5	4.8	4.4	4.5	5.1	4.3	4.1	3.8
Medical, Surgical, and Personal Aid Devices	1.6	1.8	2.5	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.7	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.1	2.3	2.4	1.1	0.9
Personal Aid Equipment	3.3	4.0	0.5	1.9	4.4	3.2	3.2	2.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.4	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.1
Medical Instruments and Equipment (6/82=100)	1.2	1.7	2.9	1.0	1.9	1.7	1.6	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.7	1.1	1.1	1.6	0.5	1.0
Surgical Appliances and Supplies (6/83=100)	1.9	2.1	2.4	3.4	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.6	2.2	2.1	2.8	3.5	4.1	3.8	2.3	0.8
Ophthalmic Goods (12/83=100)	0.2	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.5
Dental Equipment and Supplies (6/85=100)	3.4	0.9	4.1	1.8	0.9	0.4	1.4	3.4	4.3	4.7	4.2	2.8	2.6	2.8	-1.0	1.7

<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise noted, base year is 1982-84 = 100

<sup>2</sup> Includes the net cost of private health insurance, not shown separately.

<sup>3</sup> Unless otherwise noted, base year is 1982 = 100. Producer price indexes are classified by industry (price changes received for the industry's output sold outside the industry) and commodity (price changes by similarity of end use or material composition).

<sup>4</sup> Further detail for Producer Price Industry groupings, such as types of physician practices, hospital DRG groupings, etc., are available from BLS.

NOTE: Q designates quarter of year. Quarterly data are not seasonally adjusted.